

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (new): A continuously variable transmission comprising:

- a) a first continuously variable transmission (6) comprising a first output bevel friction ring gear (2);
- b) a second continuously variable transmission (7) comprising a second output bevel friction ring gear (3);
- c) a central input bevel gear (1) disposed between said first output bevel friction ring gear (2) and said second output bevel friction ring gear (3), wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6), said second continuously variable transmission (7) and said central input bevel gear (1) are disposed parallel to one another in a gear train;
- d) a first displaceable friction ring (4) coupling said

first output bevel friction ring gear (2) to said central input bevel gear (1);

e) a second displaceable friction ring (5) coupling said second output bevel friction ring gear (3) to said central input bevel gear (1); and

f) a pick-off gear (8) coupling said first continuously variable transmission (6), said second continuously variable transmission (7) and an output member (9, 10).

Claim 12 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 11, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) comprises a first output shaft axis (50), said second continuously variable transmission (7) comprises a second output shaft axis (48) and said central input bevel gear (1) comprises an input shaft axis (49), said first output shaft axis (50), said second output shaft axis (48) and said input shaft axis (49) being arranged substantially parallel to one another in a plane of the transmission.

Claim 13 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 12, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) is arranged in a first plane and said

second continuously variable transmission (7) is arranged in a second plane, said first plane being parallel to said second plane.

Claim 14 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 13, wherein said first plane is identical to said second plane.

Claim 15 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 11, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable transmission (7) are coupled to a common output shaft (9).

Claim 16 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 11, further comprising a further variable transmission part (21, 39, 40, 41) disposed between said pick-off gear (8) and at least one of said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable transmission (7).

Claim 17 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 16, wherein said pick-off gear (8) comprises at least one fixable gear member (12, 20).

Claim 18 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 16, wherein said further variable transmission part comprises a clutch.

Claim 19 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 16, wherein said further variable transmission part comprises a reverse gear.

Claim 20 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 11, wherein at least one of said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable transmission (7) is bypassable (21, 39).

Claim 21 (new): A continuously variable transmission comprising:

a) a first continuously variable transmission (6) comprising a first input bevel friction ring gear (2);

b) a second continuously variable transmission (7) comprising a second input bevel friction ring gear (3);

c) a central output bevel gear (1) disposed between said first input bevel friction ring gear (2) and said second input

bevel friction ring gear (3), wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6), said second continuously variable transmission (7) and said central output bevel gear (1) are disposed parallel to one another in a gear train;

d) a first displaceable friction ring (4) coupling said first input bevel friction ring gear (2) to said central output bevel gear (1);

e) a second displaceable friction ring (5) coupling said second input bevel friction ring gear (3) to said central output bevel gear (1); and

f) a pick-off gear (8) coupling said first continuously variable transmission (6), said second continuously variable transmission (7) and an input member (9, 10).

Claim 22 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 21, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) comprises a first input shaft axis (50), said second continuously variable transmission (7) comprises a second input shaft axis (48) and said central output bevel gear (1) comprises an output shaft axis (49), said first input shaft axis (50), said second input shaft axis (48) and said output shaft

axis (49) being arranged substantially parallel to one another in a plane of the transmission.

Claim 23 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 22, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) is arranged in a first plane and said second continuously variable transmission (7) is arranged in a second plane, said first plane being parallel to said second plane.

Claim 24 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 23, wherein said first plane is identical to said second plane.

Claim 25 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 21, wherein said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable transmission (7) are coupled to a common input shaft.

Claim 26 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 21, further comprising a further variable transmission part (21, 39, 40, 41) disposed between said pick-off gear (8) and at least one of said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable

transmission (7).

Claim 27 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 26, wherein said pick-off gear (8) comprises at least one fixable gear member (12, 20).

Claim 28 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 26, wherein said further variable transmission part comprises a clutch.

Claim 29 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 26, wherein said further variable transmission part comprises a reverse gear.

Claim 30 (new): The continuously variable transmission as set forth in claim 21, wherein at least one of said first continuously variable transmission (6) and said second continuously variable transmission (7) is bypassable (21, 39).